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**Background**

Over the last 3 years, ten case reviews have been completed within Tameside. This briefing gives common themes across the learning from these ten cases to ensure practice improvements from these reviews.

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**Safeguarding concerns**

Three themes emerged in the last ten case reviews; Non-accidental injury (4 reviews), sexual harmful behaviour (2 reviews) and self-harm (2 reviews). The other 2 case reviews had individual themes. In five out of the ten cases, the child had been identified with either a mental health condition or diagnosed with a mental health condition. The toxic trio was a common theme in the cases reviews; parental mental health (6 reviews), substance misuse (6 reviews), and domestic Abuse (5 reviews).

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**Implementing Change**

We recommend within your organisation/ teams, you discuss the four recommendations and how to improve things within your own agency. After the discussion if you feel something is poor within Tameside, please contact [TSCP@tameside.gov.uk](mailto:TSCP@tameside.gov.uk) and we can then raise it as a concern, and produce a plan to improve things.

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**The incident**

The case reviews range covered operational periods from Early 2014 to late 2020.

**Case Reviews 2017-2020**

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**Recommendations**

We recommend discussions within your organisation on these areas.

- (1) How to improve communication between your agency and other agencies.
- (2) Improve your and your organisations understanding of TSCP arrangements such as escalation policy/ Greater Manchester Procedures
- 3) Develop a culture of professional curiosity within your organisation.
- (4) Better understanding of the lived experience of the child

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**The review**

All ten case review themes were identified from the case reviews. The focus of the review is on two things; (1) the nature of case reviews and (2) what can be done to reduce the risk of these themes occurring again.

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**The findings**

The findings are based on what professionals can improve on, which reduce the risk of the same themes happening again.

In 60% of case reviews, issues around communication between agencies was identified as problematic, such as lack of sharing information, delays in sharing information and lack of joined up thinking.

In half of the cases, a lack of professional curiosity was identified as a factor in the case.

In 50% of case reviews during the operational period investigated it, was discovered there was challenge between agencies, but escalation procedures were not used.

In four cases there was a lack of understanding of TSCP arrangements, such as use of the escalation policy, and an awareness of Greater Manchester Procedures.

**7 Minute Briefing**

# Case Reviews 2017-2020



Name of Organisation .....

Team Manager .....

Name of Section & Team .....

Contact Details .....

**Identify the learning or recommendations that are relevant to your team and summarise your teams' discussion on those points**

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# Case Reviews 2017-2020



What actions have been agreed to improve practice?

What needs to happen?	Who will do it?	By When?	How will you know when it has been done?	How will you know if it has worked?